News Aggregators on the Internet

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News aggregators on the Internet have just recently become a very "hot" subject. With the advent of blogs as well as thousands of "live" news feeds on the Internet, a number of new software resources have been created to view these news feeds through a downloadable reader. These "viewers" not only allow you to observe these live streams of news and blogs but also allow you to search and aggregate the findings thus creating an easy to use resource that keeps the important information at your finger tips.

All of this information is available through the use of RSS feeds that have become extremely popular in the last 6 months. Some excellent tutorials on RSS and News Aggregators are available at the following URLs:

Publish and Syndicate Your News - RSS Workshop GILS-Utah
http://gils.utah.gov/rss/

RSS - A Primer for Publishers and Content Providers
http://www.eevl.ac.uk/rss_primer/

RSS Tutorial for Content Publishers and Webmasters
http://www.mnot.net/rss/tutorial/

There are a number of sites that offer both a general and comprehensive overview of the subject of news aggregators and RSS. Some of these resource URLs are:

Syndic8
http://www.syndic8.com/

RSS DevCenter by O'Reilly Network
http://www.oreillynet.com/rss/

Weblogs, Journals, and RSS || Fagan Finder
http://www.faganfinder.com/blogs/index.shtml

Then of course the most important area is to find the best "news aggregator" for you so you may begin the journey into cyberspace finding and aggregating your subject of interest news directly to your desktop! The viewers are available based upon the operating system of your computer as well as many are absolutely free or if fee based are relatively inexpensive for the results that can be achieved!

Open Directory RSS News Readers
http://dmoz.org/Reference/Libraries/Library_and_Information_Science/Technical_Services/Cataloguing/Metadata/RDF/Applications/RSS/News_Readers/

RSS Feed Reader – News Aggregator Directory
http://www.hebig.org/blogs/archives/main/000877.php

Rss Readers
http://www.ourpla.net/cgi-bin/pikie.cgi?RssReaders

RSS Tools
http://blogspace.com/rss/tools

The above excellent resources allow you to find the best news aggregator currently based upon your computer and platform and be aggregating news headlines on your favorite subject and special interests within the hour!! Really neat stuff…..

There is of course what I called "live" news aggregators already available on the Internet without requiring the download of software to your computer. These web applications can easily show you the power of news aggregators without having to take time to download the software. Some of these are:

BHN Blogging Headline News
http://www.blogging-news.info/

BlogLines
http://www.bloglines.com/

News Is Free
http://www.newsisfree.com/

Moreover
http://www.moreover.com

My Wire Service
http://www.mywireservice.com/

NewsBooster
http://www.newsbooster.com/

NewsKnowledge
http://www.newsknowledge.com/

News Now
http://www.newsnow.co.uk/

RocketInfo
http://www.rocketinfo.com/

The final area for your knowledge discovery into News Aggregators is the ability to search for the latest news that you are interested in or your special interest and to place this news in your aggregator. There are a number of news aggregator RSS search tools on the Internet that have been created in the last several months and more being developed each day! Some of these RSS search engine feeds are:

BlogPulse™
http://www.blogPulse.com/

DayPop
http://www.daypop.com/

Detod – Blawg Search
http://blawgs.detod.com/

Feedster – RSS Search Engine
http://www.feedster.com/

Google™
http://www.google.com/

rssSearch
http://www.rss-search.com/

Search Engines > Weblog RSS Search Engines
http://backend.userland.com/directory/167/searchEngines/weblogRssSearchEngines

Search Engines: Weblog Search Engines
http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue36/search-engines/

Searching the BlogSphere
http://www.alpern.org/weblog/php/blogsearch/writeup.html

Technoratic: Keyword Search
http://www.technorati.com/cosmos/search.html

The area of News Aggregators is one of the most exciting and dynamic growth areas currently on the Internet. You need to have you own personal news aggregator to monitor your special interest or professional activity and you need to do it now!! The resources that I have listed will start you on that journey …..

Some of my additional sites :

Internet MiniGuides™
http://www.internetminiguides.com/

Zillman Columns
http://www.zillmancolumns.com/

Listen To Marcus™
http://www.listentomarcus.com/

Watch Marcus™
http://www.watchmarcus.com/

Workshops By Marcus™
http://www.workshopsbymarcus.com/

Marcus P. Zillman Personal Blog
http://www.zillman.us

eCurrent Awareness Resources 2003™
http://www.ecurrentawareness.com/

My July 2003 column will be Listservs®, Message Boards and Forum on the Internet and will be available from any of the above sites.